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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations - "I.C.P.O."
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year)
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02/04/2003: Members of the Scouts Radio Club SP5ZCC (SP5UAF, SP5LCC, SP5MBQ and SP5ULC/M0ULC) will be active from Guernsey Island (EU-114). Period of activity: April 2nd through 8th. This operation is organized to celebrate 23 years of the Scouts Radio Club SP5ZCC and also 70th Anniversary SP DX Contest. Call-signs to be used: MU/SP5UAF, MU/SP5LCC, MU/SP5MBQ and MU0ULC. The call MU0ULC will be used during SP DX Contest. SPDXC is a single-country contest (SP HAMs work stations outside Poland) but all calls will be answered. Before and after the contest operators will be active on all possible bands and modes. All QSL cards (for all call-signs) go via SP5ZCC (the best way is via the buresu). [Tnx SP5UAF]

02/04/2003: Ralph, NM5RC, has plans for some island action as follows. Goal: Ten new US islands in eastern New Mexico and western Texas. Actual islands and number of islands activated will depend on weather and how many of the islands shown on maps/aerial photos are high and dry due to low water levels due to drought. First islands visited will be Rattlesnake in Conchas Lake, San Miguel County, NM. Then Watson #3, Watson #4 and Watson #5 in Ute Lake, Quay County NM. There might be more in Ute Lake. Then on to northwest Texas for more islands. Dates: Trip dates are April 1-11. On island dates are April 2 through 9 (maybe 10); some of these days will be lost to travel and bad weather. In years past Ralph has made two different four-day spring fishing trips to this area and both times was only able to get the boat in the water one day due to high winds. Times: Activations will generally be between 1500-2300 UTC. Where there is only one island in lake, he will generally run until activity lags. If a lake has more than one island, contacts from each island will be just a few more than required for USI qualification to leave time to move from island to island. Frequencies: Primarily 20 meters; 14250-14270 kHz. Will readily move for nets, so please look around a bit if you see a spot and he is not there. For single lake islands where time allows, expect to also try 10 meters; 28450 kHz (+/-). QSLing: Direct, bureau or e-mail. If you have previously sent your QSL card to him, just e-mail and indicate if you want a card or e-mail reply. If you have not previously sent your QSL card to him, send a card to get a card. Ralph will automatically send cards to all DX contacts. Expect getting paper logs to the computer, getting cards printed and getting QSLs answered by June 15, 2003. [Tnx NM5RC]

02/04/2003: Jeffrey, KI0RO, reports he will be active (on 10-40 metres CW and SSB) from the Marshall Islands and Micronesia as follows: Kosrae (OC-059) as V63JE between April 2nd and 7th and Pohnpei (OC-010) as V63JE between April 9th and 14th. This is not a DXpedition and Jeffrey will be QRV as time permits. All QSLs via KI0RO. [Tnx OPDX]

03/04/2003: Look for DL5KUA and others to be QRV March 3rd from Staberhuk lighthouse (GLA-046 for the German Lighthouse Award, IOTA EU-128, FED-226). Operation will be on 7.015 and 14.015 MHz CW, 7.055 and 14.255 MHz SSB (+/- QRM). QSL to home calls via the bureau. [Tnx K2JXW]

03/04/2003: Five members of the Glasgow Club "WOSARS" are heading for Lismore Island (IOSA FL-01, SCOTIA CN-07, IOTA EU-008, Loc: IO76) and will be QRV from April 3rd to 7th as MM0VSG/p. The team consists of: Ernie GM0EZP, John GM0WRR, Alex MM3OAW, Ross GM7WED and Jurij MM0DFV. They have formed a small group, calling themselves "The Vital Sparks Group" hence the call sign MM0VSG. Operation will be on all bands, SSB and CW. QSL via GM0WRR. [Tnx M0ADG]

03/04/2003: A group of operators from Radio Club Cancun will be active (on 10-160 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) as XF3RCC from the following islands: Cozumel (NA-090) and lighthouse (MEX-007) April 3rd to 6th, Holbox Island (NA-045) and lighthouse (MEX-084) April 6th to 8th, Mujeres Island (NA-045) and lighthouse (MEX-020) April 8th to 11th and Contoy Island (NA-045) and lighthouse (WLHA LH-0821, MEX-008) April 11th to 13th. The operation will celebrate the first anniversary of RCC. QSL via XE3RCC (P.O. Box 1883, Cancun, Quintana Roo 77500, Mexico). [Tnx 425DXN]

04/04/2003: Members of the Korea AnSung DX Club will be active as D70HL/2 from Chebu Island (AS-105) between April 4th and 6th. Operation will be on all bands 80 through 10 meter CW, SSB and RTTY, including WARC and 2 meters. QSL via D70HL, direct (SAE + postage to: Anseong Dx Club, PO Box 22, Anseong, Kyeonggi 456-600, South Korea) or bureau. [Tnx JI6KVR]

04/04/2003: Alberto/IK5FTV, Giuseppe/IK5CBE and others will be active on 160 through 6 meters as IP1A from Palmaria Island (not IOTA, IIA SP-001, Grid Loc JN44RA) between April 4th to 7th. QSL via IK5CBE, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

04/04/2003: Several members of the Magnolia DX Association (http://www.mdxa.org) will be QRV from Cat Island, Mississippi (IOTA NA-082, USI MS-002S, Harrison County) from April 4th to 6th, 2003. Cat Island is a barrier island located about 6 miles south of Gulfport, MS in the Mississippi Sound. They will be active on 80 through 10 meters (including WARC), on CW and SSB using special event callsign K5C from multiple stations. Team organizers are Bill (K5YG), Glenn (K2FF), Darryl (KD5CQT), and Randy (W5UE). QSL via K2FF, direct or bureau. [tnx W5UE]

04/04/2003: Robben Island (AF-064) is listed amongst the top 500 most wanted IOTA groups in the latest IOTA Directory. There have been several fairly low-key operations in recent years, mainly on SSB only. The team, consisting of Phil (G3SWH), David (G3UNA), Vidi (ZS1EL), Kosie (ZS1SR), Malcolm (ZS1MC) and Andrew (ZS1AN), has been allocated the special callsign ZS1RBN. Additionally, the lighthouse on the island counts as SAF-023 for the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society Award. The team plans to activate the island between April 4th to 7th, and, propagation permitting, have two stations on the air on a 24 hours a day basis. One station will operate SSB and one will operate CW on all bands 40 through 10 meters. QSLs will be handled by G3SWH, either direct to his CBA with SAE and return postage or via the RSGB bureau. [Tnx ZS1AN]

05/04/2003: Richard, G3RWL, will be active from Barbados (NA-021) between April 5th and 20th. Operation will be on 40 through 10 meters, plus 80 and 6 metres if he can arrange the antennas. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

05/04/2003: Look for Steve, G0SGB/p, to be active April 5th and 6th from several lighthouses in the United Kingdom. He plans to activate Fleetwood High and Low (ENG-043 / ENG-195), Morecambe (ENG-190) and Heysham (ENG-198 / ENG-199). Operation will be on 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 meter SSB, usual ending

.264 MHz frequencies (+/- QRM). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx G0SGB]

05/04/2003: Look for E20HHK, E20NTS, E20RRW, E21LSE, HS0GBI, HS0NNU, HS1CKC, HS6MYW, HS6TIM and HS9IFG to be active as HS0GBI/P (80 and 40 metres CW, QSL via home call), HS1CKC/P (SSB, QSL via home call) and E20HHK/P (CW, QSL via E21EIC) from Chang Island (AS-125) between April 5th and 7th. Questions should be sent to Winit, HS1CKC (hs1ckc@rast.or.th). This IOTA group was activated only twice, by HS50A, back in December 1996 and May 1997. [Tnx 425DXN]

05/04/2003: Look for Jon, AA1K, and Jeanie, AB1P, to be active from Dominica (NA-101) between April 5th and 12th. They plan to operate on 160 through 6 meters, especially CW on the WARC bands. Callsigns unknown, but QSL via home calls. [Tnx 425DXN]

05/04/2003: Members from the Radio Club Miramar will be active as LU7DZL/D from the Punta Hermengo lighthouse (ARG-075) April 5th beginning at 03:00 UTC. QSL direct to: Radio Club Miramar. P.O. Box 102, 7607 Miramar, Argentina (SAE + 1 IRC). [Tnx LU7CC]

05/04/2003: Look for Ela, OZ/DL3YMK, and Torsten, OZ/DH3YMG, to be active from Vendsyssel-Thy / Nordjylland Island (IOTA EU-171, DIA NJ-001 for the Danish Islands Award) between April 5th and 17th. Operation will be on 40, 20 and 15 meters. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [Tnx DH3YMG]

05/04/2003: Rodger, GM3JOB, and Willie, GM4ZNC, will be active again as VP5/homecalls from North Caicos (NA-002) between April 5th and 19th. They plan to be QRV on most bands SSB and CW. QSL via home calls, either direct or through the bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

06/04/2003: Look for Joe, I2YDX, and Robert, IK2WXZ, to be active April 6th to 7th from Mokwil (OC-226) as V63DT and V63ZR respectively. They will try to activate some rare and new IOTA groups in the area. Look for them on the usual IOTA CW and SSB frequencies. QSL via home calls. [Tnx DE0MST]

06/04/2003: A group of operators from Radio Club Cancun will be active (on 10-160 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) as XF3RCC from the following islands: Holbox Island (NA-045) and lighthoue (MEX-084) April 6th to 8th, Mujeres Island (NA-045) and lighthouse (MEX-020) April 8th to 11th and Contoy (NA-045) and lighthouse (LH-0821, MEX-008) April 11th to 13th. The operation will celebrate the first anniversary of RCC. QSL via XE3RCC (P.O. Box 1883, Cancun, Quintana Roo 77500, Mexico). [Tnx 425DXN]

07/04/2003: Ron, 9A5JR (OE3REB), and Emir, 9A6AA, will activate the island of Dugi otok (IOCA CI-018, IOTA EU-170) between April 7th (afternoon) and April 9th (forenoon). They will also be active from lighthouse of Veli Rat (not WLH, CRO-183). Look for them on 15, 20 and 40 meter SSB. [Tnx 9A6AA]

07/04/2003: Jean Marc, F5SGI, will be on Groix Island (IOTA EU048, DIFM AT012) from April 7th to 12th, using CW with the special callsign TM6ILE from 80 to 10 meters. Jean Marc may be QRV in SSB on April 12th in the morning, from the Fort du Grognon, which count for the French Forts and Castles award program as DFCF 56002. QSL via F5SGI [Tnx F5NQL]

07/04/2003: Steve, VK3OT (ex-VE3SIX), reports that he will be active from Christmas Island (OC-002) as VK9XI between April 7th and 21st. The VK9XI licence will be granted on February 10th, and it will be the first time that this callsign has been used on 6 meters since February 28, 1980. Activity

will be on 160-6 meters using an Icom 706, Kenwood TS690SAT and Yaesu FT650. The antennas will be a 5 element M2 for 6m, Mosley Tri-bander for HF, Hidaka Vertical for 80/40/30 meters and a Sloper for 160 meters. Look for him mainly on 50.115 MHz between 1000-1500z and at 2400z. Steve will listen to 28.885 MHZ during all daylight hours (if propagation exisits or 21.205 MHz). He will also be active on the Lower Bands; 2300z (sunrise) and 1000z (sunset). Pilot stations announced so far are VK2QF and VK3AKK. QSL via VK3OT (Direct ONLY) to: Steve Gregory, Post Office Box 622 Hamilton, Victoria 3300, Australia. [Tnx OPDX]

07/04/2003: John, WA4JA, will try to activate Shell Island (USI FL-401S, IOTA NA-085) one day during week April 7th to 11th. Exact date depends on getting good weather for boat trip to island near Panama City, Florida. Operation for a maximum of 6 hours due to having to rent the boat for 8 hrs, on 20 through 10 meters near the USI/IOTA frequencies. 40 meters is possible. Also during the week, probably on a rainy day, John will try to activate Okaloosa Island (USI FL-003S, IOTA NA-142) on 10 meter SSB. QSL to WA4JA CBA with SASE, please. DX with bureaus will be sent cards automatically. If only needed for USI credits, e-qsl is OK. [Tnx WA4JA]

08/04/2003: A group of operators from Radio Club Cancun will be active (on 10-160 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) as XF3RCC from the following islands: Mujeres (NA-045) and lighthouse (MEX-020) April 8th to 11th and Contoy (NA-045) and lighthouse (LH-0821, MEX-008) April 11th to 13th. The operation will celebrate the first anniversary of RCC. QSL via XE3RCC (P.O. Box 1883, Cancun, Quintana Roo 77500, Mexico). [Tnx 425DXN]

08/04/2003: Frank, DL4KQ (XY4KQ), reports that in the time window of April 8th to April 13th there will be the chance of a AS-NEW in the never activated Yangon/Irrawaddy/Pegu Group, Myanmar. The exact dates are still unknown and depending on the local situation, same for the island as there will be 3 possible targets. But all will be close to Chaungtha in the northwestern part of Myanmar. Same situation for the used callsign, he will have free choice, but an additional operator may still join the activation and he wants to wait until confirmation before choosing a call sign. Activation is planned as a 3-4 day operation on 80 through 10 meter CW and SSB using 400 W RF, a G5RV and a vertical. QSL route is via DL4KQ, either direct or bureau. [Tnx DL4KQ]

09/04/2003: Look for Ben, DJ8FW, to be active as CT3AS from Madeira (AF-014) between April 9th and 21st. Operation will be on 80 through 15 meters, CW, RTTY, and PSK31 as time permits. QSL via DJ8FW, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

09/04/2003: Jeffrey, KI0RO, reports he will be active (on 10-40 metres CW and SSB) from Pohnpei (OC-010) as V63JE between April 9th and 14th. This is not a DXpedition and Jeffrey will be QRV as time permits. All QSLs via KI0RO. [Tnx OPDX]

11/04/2003: Yoshi, JE2EHP, will be active from from Guam (OC-026) as K1HP/KH2 between April 11th and 14th. Activity will be on 80 through 6 meter CW and SSB. QSL via the bureau to JE2EHP. [Tnx OPDX]

11/04/2003: A group of operators from Radio Club Cancun will be active (on 10-160 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) as XF3RCC from Contoy Island (NA-045) and lighthouse (WLH LH-0821, MEX-008) April 11 to 13th. The operation will celebrate the first anniversary of RCC. QSL via XE3RCC (P.O. Box 1883, Cancun, Quintana Roo 77500, Mexico). [Tnx 425DXN]

12/04/2003: Daniel Rivero, CX2TG, reports that CV1T will be QRV from the lighthouse at Cabo Polonio (URU-005, Loc GF35) between April 12th and 30th. QSL via EA5KB. [Tnx 425DXN]

12/04/2003: Hugo, HB9AFH, and Uli, HB9CGA, will be active, possibly as J3/HB9CGA, from Grenada (NA-024) between April 12th and 23rd. They plan to operate on 80 through 10 meters, mainly CW with some SSB. QSL via HB9CGA, either direct or through the bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

13/04/2003: Riccardo, IZ5EBL, and Rossella, IZ5BRO, will be active from the Maldives (AS-013) between April 13th and 21st as 8Q7RL and 8Q7RC respectively. Operation will be on 40 through 10 meter SSB, with some CW and PSK-31. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

14/04/2003: Bill, G4EHT, will be visiting his son Dez, ZC4DW, between April 14th and 28th. Bill will be on a family holiday but hopes to schedule in some time on HF CW. He will be operating from the Eastern Sovereign Base club, Cyprus (AS-004), using their club callsign ZC4ESB. Please be patient with Bill as he has not worked pile-ups for many years. QSL via G4EHT: Bill Watson, 7 Darwin Close, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 7ET, England. [Tnx 425DXN]

15/04/2003: Rick, AI5P, plans to activate Martha's Vineyard (NA-046, USI MA-005S, Dukes County) between April 15th and 18th. QSL via home call, direct or bureau [Tnx AI5P]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

20/10/2003: The Florida DXPedition Group has entered the CQWW SSB contest from a DX location since 1996 as WP2AHW. This year eight members will be operating from San Andres Island (NA-033) during the period of October 20th to 28th. They will run four to five stations before and after the contest. For the CQWW SSB contest (October 25-26) they have requested the contest call sign 5J0X and will participate as a Multi-Two entry. QTH: "Red Crab QTH," Loc: EK92dn, CQ Zone 07 and ITU Zone 11. Operators: Jan K4QD, William N2WB, Bill W4WX, Bob K9MDO, Cory N1WON, Clarence W9AAZ, Larry W1LR and Vance N5VL. They will be signing HK0/home call. Bands and modes: 160 through 6 meter CW, Phone, RTTY / PSK-31. QSL via the individuals home call. QSL HK0/N2WB via his QSL Manager N2OO. In the past they have never asked for any assistance. This year they are asking for donations to help offset the cost. If you are interested in donating please send to: Bill Gallier, FDXPG, 2694 North Camel Ave., Middleburg, FL 32068. [Tnx W4WX]

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73 and Good Hunting!
Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ
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